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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: SHINGO KIUCHI et al.

Appln. No.: 10/730,767

Filed: December 8, 2003

For: SPEECH RECOGNITION  
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT  
METHOD AND SPEECH RECOGNITION  
DEVICE

Attorney Docket No: 9333/361

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 2641

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Attached are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Status Inquiry
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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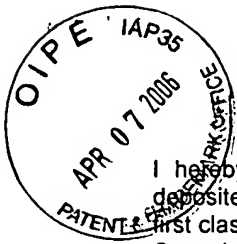
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Respectfully submitted,

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### STATUS INQUIRY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on December 8, 2003 but have not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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